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1. ANDREAS PAPANDREOU STRONGLY ATTACKED CARAMANLIS AND HIS HANDLING OF THE EMBARGO ISSUE IN A LENGTHY STATEMENT APRIL 8 WHICH WAS CARRIED IN ALL THE SUNDAY PAPERS. PAPANDREOU CHARGED THE PRIME MINISTER WITH ISSUING A
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"DELAYED AND LUKEWARM" STATEMENT. HE ALLEGED THAT CARAMANLIS IS A WILLING PARTICIPANT WITH THE UNITED STATES, NATO, AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IN AN "INTRIGUE" WHICH WILL LEAD TO THE SACRIFICE OF GREECE'S NATIONAL INTEREST. PAPANDREOU ASSERTED THAT A "PACKAGE DEAL" IS IN THE MAKING WHICH WILL INCLUDE GREEK CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS AND THE AEGEAN, RETURN TO THE MILITARY WING OF NATO, AND THE GRANTING OF

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MILITARY FACILITIES TO THE U.S. IN GREECE IN RETURN FOR GREEK MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS "NO RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE BEHIND THE SCENES ON NATIONAL SOVEREIGN RIGHTS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PARLIAMENT AND THE PEOPLE." HE THEN CALLED FOR PRESIDENT TSATSOS TO CONVOKE A COUNCIL OF PARTY LEADERS TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE. (UDC LEADER JOHN ZIGDIS HAS MADE THE SAME REQUEST OF TSATSOS.)

2. THE GOG ANSWRED PAPANDREOU'S ATTACK WITH A BFIEF AND BRUSK COMMENT THAT THE PASOK LEADER NOT ONLY "VOICE INACCURACIES," BUT DOES SO KNOWINGLY.

3. IN AN INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT, CONSTANTINE MITSOTAKIS, LEADER OF THE NEW LIBERAL PARTY, ANNOUNCED HIS PARTY'S SATISFACTION WITH CARAMANLIS' STATEMENT ON THE EMBARGO. MITSOTAKIS SAID THE U.S. ACTION AT THIS TIME WORSENS, INSTEAD OF HELPING, THE GREEK-TURKISH DIALOGUE.

4. ATTENTION TO THE EMBARGO ISSUE HAS FADED SLIGHTLY IN THE GREEK PRESS AND THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE OF ATTENTION IN THE WAKE OF CARAMANLIS' APRIL 7 STATEMENT AND PAPANDREOU'S COMMENTARY. THUS, FOR THE MOMENT, AT LEAST, ATTENTION IS BEING FOCUSED MORE ON DOMESTIC POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS, PARTICULARLY THE SHARP EXCHANGE BETWEEN PAPANDREOU AND THE GOG. THE PRESS ALSO HAS GIVEN CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE TO GREEK CYPRIOT EXPRESSIONS OF SATISFACTION WITH CARAMANLIS' STATEMENT ON THE EMBARGO -- UNCLASSIFIED

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WHICH SOME PAPERS PLAYED IN A MANNER TO CONTRAST IT TO PAPANDREOU'S ATTACK ON THE PRIME MINISTER. THE NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL SUPPORTING THE CONTINUATION OF THE EMBARGO WAS GIVEN WIDE PLAY HERE.
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